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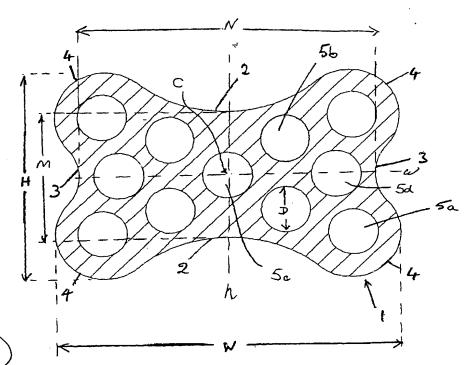
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(54) Title: CERAMIC PACKING ELEMENT



(57) Abstract. The invention provides an improved ceramic packing element (1, 6, 8) suited to use as a bed limiter having a generally uniform cross-section in the length (l) direction with the basic shape of a bow-tie and having a plurality of through passages (5) parallel to the length dimension (L).